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WISCONSIN ECONOMIC INDICATORS

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WISCONSIN DATA AND SOURCES

	INDICATOR	SOURCES
L1	Composite Index of Leading Indicators	Wi. Dept. of Industry, Labor and Human Relations
L2	Average Work Week, Manufacturing	Wi. Dept. of Industry, Labor and Human Relations
L3	Average Overtime Hours, Mfg.	Wi. Dept. of Industry, Labor and Human Relations
L4	Average Weekly Initial Claims	Wi. Dept. of Industry, Labor and Human Relations
L5	Total Job Openings Received	Wi. Dept. of Industry, Labor and Human Relations
L6	New Business Incorporations	Wisconsin Secretary of State
L7	Net Gain in Business Phone Access Lines	Wi. Telephone Co. and General Telephone Co.
L8	Building Plans Examined	Wi. Dept. of Industry, Labor and Human Relations
C1	Help-Wanted Advertising Index (Milw.)	National Industrial Conference Board
C2	Total Unemployment Rate	Wi. Dept. of Industry, Labor and Human Relations
C3	Natural Gas Sales	Wisconsin Public Service Commission
C4	New Car Registrations	Wi. Dept. of Transportation
C5	Electric Power Sales	Wisconsin Public Service Commission
C6	Total Security Registrations	Wisconsin Commissioner of Securities
C7	Manufacturing Employment	Wi. Dept. of Industry, Labor and Human Relations
C8	Average Weekly Earnings, Mfg.	Wi. Dept. of Industry, Labor and Human Relations
C9	Cash Receipts From Farm Marketing	U.S. Department of Agriculture
C10	Contract Construction Employment	Wi. Dept. of Industry, Labor and Human Relations
X1	Birth Registrations	Wi. Dept. of Health and Social Services
X2	Death Registrations	Wi. Dept. of Health and Social Services
X3	Natural Net Gain in Population	Wi. Dept. of Health and Social Services
X4	Marriage Registrations	Wi. Dept. of Health and Social Services
X5	Consumer Price Index (Milwaukee)	U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics
X6	Index of Prices Received By Farmers	Wisconsin Department of Agriculture
X7	Net Gain in Residential Phone Access Lines	Wi. Telephone Co. and General Telephone Co.
X8	Labor Disputes, No. of Workers	Wi. Dept. of Industry, Labor and Human Relations
X9	Unemployment Compensation Exhaustees	Wi. Dept. of Industry, Labor and Human Relations

NOTES: Selected series are seasonally adjusted by the Bureau of the Census X-11 Variant of the census Method 11 Seasonal Adjustment Program.

SECTION A is a summary of recent data and current changes for all indicators and is presented in chart form. The indicators are presented with cyclical timing as the principle basis of classification.

SECTION B is a summary of Wisconsin Labor Force Estimates, including Employment, Unemployment and Unemployment Rates, and selected U.S. data.

SECTION C analyzes the Wisconsin labor force by industry and by specified Metropolitan Statistical Areas.

SECTION D singles out certain economic time series as being leading or coinciding in relation to movements in aggregate economic activity. They are seasonally adjusted and presented graphically.

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SUMMARY FOR MAY

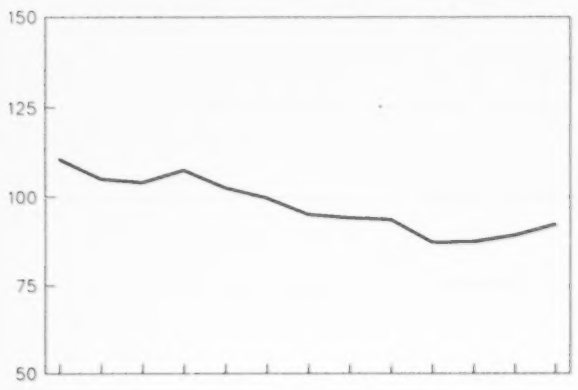
COMPOSITE INDEX

Wisconsin's Composite Index of leading economic indicators rose by 3.1 percentage points and stands at 92.3 for May. The rise in May is the third consecutive monthly increase and that signifies generally improving economic conditions.

The majority of individual leading indicators showed positive trends with four signaling economic growth, two showing a negative trend, and one having no trend change.

Two indicators propelled this month's index growth, overcoming a downward trend produced by an anemic count of job openings received.

COMPOSITE INDEX
OF LEADING INDICATORS
May 1990 - May 1991



The average weekly number of initial claims for unemployment compensation decreased significantly, nearly 2200, while the number of building plans examined increased well beyond the normal seasonal amount for May.

LEADING INDICATORS

Production workers in Wisconsin's manufacturing industries spent more time on the job per week in May then in April. The average workweek increased from 40.8 hours in April to 41.0 hours in May. The workweek average had held steady for the past three months.

This month's longer workweek is accompanied by an increase in the employment level in manufacturing, which increased by 3,300. Some, but not all, of the employment growth is normal for May. The usual pattern in manufacturing is growth in employment, but a slight decrease in the average workweek.

The average weekly overtime hours in manufacturing increased by 0.1 hours to 3.4 per week in May. That is about par for this month.

The average number of weekly initial claims for unemployment compensation decreased in May to 8,083, a decrease of 2,177 from April's average. A decrease of initial claims is normal for May, but this May's decrease exceeds the usual pattern. A decrease of about 1,500 would have fit the seasonal trend.

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The number of job openings received by public Job Service offices throughout Wisconsin remained about even; 6,651 in April, 6,652 in May. That, however, is off the seasonally normal trend. An increase of about 825 would be normal this month. Yet, total unemployment decreased by 10,000, while the labor force grew by 18,500. Recalling laid-off workers precedes new hiring.

New business incorporations in Wisconsin numbered 657 during May, a decrease of 79 from the previous month. The number of new incorporations usually increases slightly in May.

The net gain in business telephone access lines amounted to 3,369 in May, a growth of 740 over the April level. The growth is above the normal trend for this month.

The number of commercial and industrial building plans examined in May amounted to 603, an increase from 580 of one month earlier. That is a healthy growth for the month since the plans examined figure usually decreases slightly now.

LABOR FORCE

The total employment level in the state increased by over 28,000 to reach 2,425,100 in May. About two-thirds of this month's growth is a normal seasonal change, the rest represents positive economic growth.

Along with the growth of employment came a 10,000 decrease in the unemployment level. The number of unemployed workers in May was 137,600, down from 147,600 in April

May's reduction of unemployment came side-by-side with growth in the labor force. The state's labor force, both those working and those actively seeking jobs, increased by over 18,000 in May. While most of the labor force growth is seasonal, the increase does show enough confidence in the labor market by those of labor force age to participate in job seeking.

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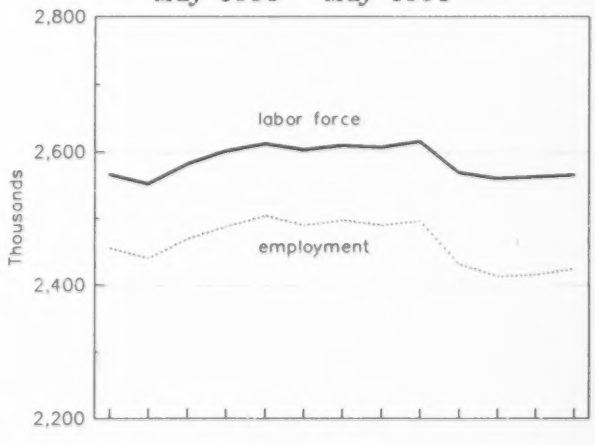
May 1990 – May 1991



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LEADING INDICATORS	Unit	Monthly Series				% Change		Avg.
		Latest Month		Mo. Ago	Yr. Ago	Mo. Ago	Yr. Ago	1990
L1 COMPOSITE INDEX OF LEADING INDICATORS								
Seasonally Adjusted	Index	MAY p	92.3	89.2	110.6	3.5%	-16.5%	104.6
L2 AVG. WORK WEEK, MFG.								
Unadjusted	Hours	MAY	41.0	40.8	41.3	0.5%	-0.7%	41.4
Seasonally Adjusted			41.3	41.0	41.6	0.7%	-0.7%	
L3 AVG. OVERTIME HOURS, MFG.								
Unadjusted	Hours	MAY	3.4	3.3	3.8	3.0%	-10.5%	3.9
Seasonally Adjusted			3.7	3.7	4.1	0.0%	-9.8%	
L4 AVG. WEEKLY INITIAL CLAIMS								
Unadjusted	Number	MAY	8,083	10,260	5,985	-21.2%	35.1%	8671
Seasonally Adjusted			11,149	12,099	8,255	-7.9%	35.1%	
L5 TOTAL JOB OPENINGS RECEIVED								
Unadjusted	Number	MAY	6652	6651	8697	0.0%	-23.5%	6962
Seasonally Adjusted			5825	6546	7613	-11.0%	-23.5%	
L6 NEW BUSINESS INCORPORATIONS								
Unadjusted	Number	MAY	657	736	568	-10.7%	15.7%	604
Seasonally Adjusted			635	719	550	-11.7%	15.5%	
L7 NET GAIN IN BUSINESS TELEPHONE ACCESS LINES								
Unadjusted	Number	MAY p	3369	2629	3425	28.1%	-1.6%	2587
Seasonally Adjusted			2464	2391	2905	3.1%	-15.2%	
L8 BUILDING PLANS EXAMINED								
Unadjusted	Number	MAY	603	580	725	4.0%	-16.8%	612
Seasonally Adjusted			566	530	680	6.8%	-16.8%	
COINCIDING INDICATORS								
C1 HELP-WANTED INDEX (MILW.)								
Seasonally Adjusted	Index	MAY	61	62	82	-1.6%	-25.6%	
C2 UNEMPLOYMENT RATE, TOTAL								
Unadjusted	Percent	MAY	5.4	5.8	4.2	.....	.....	4.4
Seasonally Adjusted			5.5	5.7	4.3	.....	.....	
C3 NATURAL GAS SALES								
Unadjusted	Mil.	APR	180.8	286.3	172.0	-36.8%	5.1%	188.8
Seasonally Adjusted	Therms		195.7	190.9	186.2	2.5%	5.1%	
C4 NEW CAR REGISTRATIONS								
Unadjusted	Number	MAY	13,025	12,586	15,265	3.5%	-14.7%	13,685
Seasonally Adjusted			11,549	12,028	13,540	-4.0%	-14.7%	
C5 ELECTRIC POWER SALES								
Unadjusted	Mil.	APR	3334.7	3627.3	3313.2	-8.1%	0.6%	3504.1
Seasonally Adjusted	KWH		3697.0	3667.6	3672.6	0.8%	0.7%	
C6 TOTAL SECURITIES REGISTRATIONS								
Unadjusted	Mil. $	APR	154.6	85.6	91.1	80.6%	69.7%	131.5
Seasonally Adjusted			200.3	87.5	117.9	128.9%	69.9%	

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	Unit	Monthly Series				% Change		Avg.
		Latest Month		Mo. Ago	Yr. Ago	Mo. Ago	Yr. Ago	1990
C7 MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT								
Unadjusted	Thous.	MAY	545.4	542.1	557.3	0.6%	-2.1%	556.6
Seasonally Adjusted			549.2	548.7	561.4	0.1%	-2.2%	
C8 AVG. WEEKLY EARNINGS, MFG.								
Unadjusted	Dollars	MAY	$468.63	$464.30	$458.84	0.9%	2.1%	$446.49
Seasonally Adjusted			$470.04	$467.10	$460.06	0.6%	2.2%	
C9 CASH RECEIPTS FROM FARM MKTG.								
Unadjusted	Mil. $	MAR	389.5	367.1	432.2	6.1%	-9.9%	456.8
Seasonally Adjusted			428.5	426.4	475.3	0.5%	-9.8%	
C10 CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION EMPL.								
Unadjusted	Thous.	MAY	81.3	75.3	82.5	8.0%	-1.5%	80.8
Seasonally Adjusted			78.8	81.0	79.9	-2.7%	-1.4%	
OTHER KEY INDICATORS								
X1 BIRTH REGISTRATIONS								
Unadjusted	Number	MAY	6396	6256	6381	2.2%	0.2%	5761
Seasonally Adjusted			6034	6436	6019	-6.2%	0.2%	
X2 DEATH REGISTRATIONS								
Unadjusted	Number	MAY	3513	3755	3488	-6.4%	0.7%	3425
Seasonally Adjusted			3556	3867	3530	-8.0%	0.7%	
X3 NATURAL NET GAIN POPULATION								
Unadjusted	Number	MAY	2883	2501	2893	15.3%	-0.3%	2336
Seasonally Adjusted			2556	2555	2565	0.0%	-0.4%	
X4 MARRIAGE REGISTRATIONS								
Unadjusted	Number	MAY	3676	2389	3914	53.9%	-6.1%	3353
Seasonally Adjusted			3150	3313	3353	-4.9%	-6.1%	
X5 CONSUMER PRICE INDEX			(Dec '90)	(Jun '90)	(Dec '89)			
Unadjusted (1982-1984 = 100)	Index	MAY	128.6	123.9	121.2	3.8%	6.1%	120.8
X6 PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS								
Unadjusted	Index	MAY	138	137	167	0.7%	-17.4%	149
Seasonally Adjusted			140	141	163	-0.7%	-14.1%	
X7 NET GAIN IN RESIDENTIAL TELEPHONE ACCESS LINES								
Unadjusted	Number	MAY p	-1113	790	587	-240.9%	-289.6%	1853
Seasonally Adjusted			2618	2347	2758	11.5%	-5.1%	
X8 LABOR DISPUTES, NO. OF WORKERS								
Unadjusted	Number	MAY	60	60	310	0.0%	-80.6%	375
Seasonally Adjusted			50	38	257	31.6%	-80.5%	
X9 UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION EXHAUSTEES								
Unadjusted	Number	MAY	11,342	10,568	11,643	7.3%	-2.6%	10436
Seasonally Adjusted			9,786	9,599	10,046	1.9%	-2.6%	

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LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

WISCONSIN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES MAY	(In Thousands)			% Change	
	Latest Month	Mo. Ago	Yr. Ago	Mo. Ago	Yr. Ago
Unadjusted					
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	2562.7	2544.2	2564.3	0.7%	-0.1%
Employment (incl. Labor Disputes)	2425.1	2396.6	2456.4	1.2%	-1.3%
Unemployment	137.6	147.6	107.9	-6.8%	27.5%
Unemployment Rate	5.4%	5.8%	4.2%	.....	.....
Seasonally Adjusted					
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	2565.4	2562.8	2566.4	0.1%	-0.0%
Employment (incl. Labor Disputes)	2425.1	2415.9	2456.4	0.4%	-1.3%
Unemployment	140.3	146.9	110.0	-4.5%	27.5%
Unemployment Rate	5.5%	5.7%	4.3%	.....	.....

WISCONSIN EMPLOYMENT ESTIMATES MAY Unadjusted	(In Thousands)			% Change	
	Latest Month	Mo. Ago	Yr. Ago	Mo. Ago	Yr. Ago
TOTAL NONFARM WAGE AND SALARY WORKERS	2299.8	2273.9	2287.3	1.1%	0.5%
Contract Construction	81.3	75.3	82.5	8.0%	-1.5%
Manufacturing	545.4	542.1	557.1	0.6%	-2.1%
Transportation, Communication and Public Utilities	108.8	107.6	106.8	1.1%	1.9%
Electric, Gas and Sanitary Services	17.4	17.3	17.2	0.6%	1.2%
Wholesale Trade	119.7	117.9	117.8	1.5%	1.6%
Retail Trade	419.3	411.0	418.9	2.0%	0.1%
General Merchandise	50.0	50.3	52.9	-0.6%	-5.5%
Food Stores	61.7	61.2	61.3	0.8%	0.7%
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	46.0	45.5	45.6	1.1%	0.9%
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	122.1	121.6	119.7	0.4%	2.0%
Banks & Depository Institutions	39.5	39.6	39.1	-0.3%	1.0%
Insurance Carriers	42.9	43.0	41.3	-0.2%	3.9%
Service and Miscellaneous	546.0	540.8	529.3	1.0%	3.2%
Business Services	80.6	79.7	79.5	1.1%	0.3%
Health Services	185.7	185.0	179.7	0.4%	2.9%
Hospitals	80.0	79.5	76.8	0.6%	4.2%
Private Education	28.9	28.9	26.9	0.0%	7.4%
Social Services	51.1	50.2	46.4	1.8%	10.1%
Government	354.8	355.4	352.8	-0.2%	0.6%
State Government	90.5	92.0	90.0	-1.6%	0.6%
Local Government	235.2	234.4	229.2	0.3%	2.6%

UNITED STATES LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES JUNE	(In Thousands)			% Change	
	Latest Month	Mo. Ago	Yr. Ago	Mo. Ago	Yr. Ago
Seasonally Adjusted					
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	125,629	125,232	124,797	0.3%	0.7%
Employment (incl. Labor Disputes)	116,884	116,591	118,237	0.3%	-1.1%
Unemployment	8,745	8,640	6,560	1.2%	33.3%
Unemployment Rate	7.0%	6.9%	5.3%	.....	.....

MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT Unadjusted MAY	(In Thousands)			% Change	
	Latest Month	Mo. Ago	Yr. Ago	Mo. Ago	Yr. Ago
All Manufacturing	545.4	542.1	557.1	0.6%	-2.1%
Durable Goods	326.2	324.1	338.9	0.6%	-3.7%
Lumber and Wood Products (Excl. Furniture)	26.5	25.9	27.8	2.3%	-4.7%
Millwork, Plywood & Related	14.2	13.7	15.1	3.6%	-6.0%
Furniture and Fixtures	12.6	12.4	13.0	1.6%	-3.1%
Stone, Clay, and Glass Products	8.7	8.4	8.7	3.6%	0.0%
Primary Metal Industries	20.9	21.0	21.4	-0.5%	-2.3%
Iron and Steel Foundries	11.1	11.2	11.1	-0.9%	0.0%
Fabricated Metal Products	58.9	58.4	58.8	0.9%	0.2%
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	13.5	13.4	13.7	0.7%	-1.5%
Metal Stampings	12.0	11.9	12.0	0.8%	0.0%
Industrial Machinery	105.7	105.2	112.2	0.5%	-5.8%
Engines and Turbines	13.9	13.8	17.6	0.7%	-21.0%
Farm & Garden Machinery	11.6	11.3	12.9	2.7%	-10.1%
Construction & Related Machinery	12.3	12.4	13.0	-0.8%	-5.4%
Metalworking Machinery	15.8	15.8	16.0	0.0%	-1.2%
Special Industry Machinery	12.8	12.8	13.5	0.0%	-5.2%
Gen. Industrial Mach. and Equip.	13.5	13.4	13.3	0.7%	1.5%
Electronic & Other Electrical Machinery	38.2	38.0	38.6	0.5%	-1.0%
Electrical Industrial Apparatus	14.9	15.0	14.6	-0.7%	2.1%
Transportation Equipment	24.0	23.8	27.3	0.8%	-12.1%
Motor Vehicles and Equipment	16.9	16.6	19.9	1.8%	-15.1%
Instrument and Related Products	19.8	20.0	20.3	-1.0%	-2.5%
Miscellaneous Manufacturing	10.9	10.8	10.8	0.9%	0.9%
Nondurable Goods	219.2	218.0	218.2	0.6%	0.5%
Food and Kindred Products	61.8	61.0	61.5	1.3%	0.5%
Meat Products	15.5	15.5	15.3	0.0%	1.3%
Dairy Products	17.2	17.1	17.2	0.6%	0.0%
Preserved Fruits & Vegetables	10.3	10.1	10.3	2.0%	0.0%
Textile Mill Products	3.8	3.9	4.6	-2.6%	-17.4%
Apparel and Other Textiles	6.9	6.9	7.0	0.0%	-1.4%
Paper and Allied Products	50.7	50.4	50.6	0.6%	0.2%
Paper Mills	30.4	30.3	30.3	0.3%	0.3%
Printing, Publishing and Allied Products	47.9	47.8	46.5	0.2%	3.0%
Newspapers	13.2	13.1	12.8	0.8%	3.1%
Commercial Printing	23.0	22.9	21.8	0.4%	5.5%
Chemicals and Allied Products	11.2	11.2	10.9	0.0%	2.8%
Rubber and Misc. Plastics Products	30.6	30.4	30.6	0.7%	0.0%
Miscellaneous Plastics Products	24.5	24.3	24.5	0.8%	0.0%
Leather & Leather Products	6.0	6.0	6.3	0.0%	-4.8%

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WISCONSIN EARNINGS AND HOURS DATA

EARNINGS AND HOURS Unadjusted MAY	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours		
	Latest Mo.	Mo. Ago	Yr. Ago	Latest Mo.	Mo. Ago	Yr. Ago
All Manufacturing	$468.63	$464.30	$458.84	41.0	40.8	41.3
Durable Goods	472.15	469.36	460.08	41.2	41.1	41.3
Lumber and Wood Products (Excl. Furniture)	361.67	339.23	334.57	40.5	39.4	39.5
Furniture and Fixtures	368.12	357.77	357.00	40.1	39.1	40.8
Stone, Clay, and Glass Products	504.26	474.80	465.68	45.8	43.4	45.3
Primary Metal Industries	466.09	471.17	471.06	40.6	40.9	42.4
Iron and Steel Foundries	478.98	481.77	489.02	42.5	42.9	44.7
Fabricated Metal Products	450.02	447.69	438.05	41.4	41.3	41.6
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	469.79	463.30	455.80	43.1	42.7	43.0
Metal Stampings	451.47	465.22	447.02	40.6	41.5	41.2
Industrial Machinery	537.20	538.06	521.90	42.1	42.4	42.5
Engines and Turbines	561.25	544.10	509.18	40.7	39.2	38.4
Farm & Garden Machinery	538.97	509.92	534.25	41.3	41.9	42.3
Construction & Related Machinery	598.92	624.23	597.96	42.0	43.5	45.3
Metalworking Machinery	569.36	566.53	563.30	52.3	42.5	43.0
Special Industry Machinery	559.00	585.65	549.76	43.0	44.1	44.3
Gen. Industrial Mach. and Equip.	473.34	464.09	453.26	42.0	41.4	42.6
Electronic & Other Electrical Machinery	426.63	419.63	401.98	41.3	41.1	40.4
Electrical Industrial Apparatus	419.33	417.66	414.53	41.6	41.6	40.8
Transportation Equipment	575.79	590.83	594.63	38.8	39.6	40.7
Instrument and Related Products	462.94	455.13	433.94	39.1	39.0	38.3
Nondurable Goods	462.43	458.87	454.57	40.6	40.5	41.1
Food and Kindred Products	436.15	425.32	434.43	40.8	40.2	41.1
Meat Products	393.05	373.01	390.10	41.2	39.1	40.3
Dairy Products	426.18	421.69	437.22	40.9	41.1	42.0
Textile Mill Products	421.68	441.21	388.83	40.9	41.9	41.9
Apparel and Other Textiles	283.12	289.17	289.60	37.8	38.3	40.0
Paper and Allied Products	608.22	605.25	593.93	43.6	43.7	43.8
Paper Mills	667.48	671.60	656.25	45.1	46.0	45.7
Printing, Publishing and Allied Products	454.15	450.63	440.91	38.1	37.9	38.5
Chemicals and Allied Products	433.48	435.11	416.56	40.1	40.4	39.9
Rubber and Misc. Plastics Products	367.23	364.84	363.91	39.7	39.4	40.3
Leather & Leather Products	295.66	299.54	287.23	38.8	38.8	40.8

AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS Unadjusted MAY	Including Overtime			Excluding Overtime		
	Latest Mo.	Mo. Ago	Yr. Ago	Latest Mo.	Mo. Ago	Yr. Ago
All Manufacturing (Incl. Canning)	$11.43	$11.38	$11.11	$10.97	$10.94	$10.61
Durable Goods	11.46	11.42	11.14	11.02	11.00	10.67
Lumber and Wood Products (Excl. Furniture)	8.93	8.61	8.47	8.60	8.39	8.17
Furniture and Fixtures	9.18	9.15	8.75	8.93	8.95	8.41
Stone, Clay, and Glass Products	11.01	10.94	10.28	10.11	10.24	9.52
Primary Metal Industries	11.48	11.52	11.11	10.93	10.92	10.49
Iron and Steel Foundries	11.27	11.23	10.94	10.67	10.65	10.25
Fabricated Metal Products	10.87	10.84	10.53	10.49	10.48	10.07
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	10.90	10.85	10.60	10.54	10.51	10.09
Metal Stampings	11.12	11.21	10.85	10.79	10.84	10.43
Industrial Machinery	12.76	12.69	12.28	12.29	12.22	11.78
Engines and Turbines	13.79	13.88	13.26	13.24	13.51	13.12
Farm & Garden Machinery	13.05	12.17	12.63	12.75	11.81	12.10
Construction & Related Machinery	14.26	14.35	13.20	13.91	13.92	12.62
Metalworking Machinery	13.46	13.33	13.10	12.94	12.75	12.49
Special Industry Machinery	13.00	13.28	12.41	12.40	12.53	11.73
Gen. Industrial Mach. and Equip.	11.27	11.21	10.64	10.86	10.84	10.20
Electronic & Other Electrical Machinery	10.33	10.21	9.95	9.90	9.79	9.65
Electrical Industrial Apparatus	10.08	10.04	10.16	9.61	9.52	9.88
Transportation Equipment	14.84	14.92	14.61	14.29	14.32	13.89
Instrument and Related Products	11.84	11.67	11.33	11.55	11.36	11.13
Nondurable Goods	11.39	11.33	11.06	10.90	10.84	10.52
Food and Kindred Products	10.69	10.58	10.57	10.19	10.11	10.04
Meat Products	9.54	9.54	9.68	9.08	9.13	9.26
Dairy Products	10.42	10.26	10.41	9.92	9.77	9.81
Textile Mill Products	10.31	10.53	9.28	10.06	10.26	8.83
Apparel and Other Textiles	7.49	7.55	7.24	7.34	7.35	6.91
Paper and Allied Products	13.95	13.85	13.56	13.26	13.12	12.88
Paper Mills	14.80	14.60	14.36	14.03	13.80	13.62
Printing, Publishing and Allied Products	11.92	11.89	11.66	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Chemicals and Allied Products	10.81	10.77	10.44	10.48	10.35	10.04
Rubber and Misc. Plastics Products	9.25	9.26	9.03	8.90	8.93	8.63
Leather & Leather Products	7.62	7.72	7.04	7.35	7.44	6.78

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SUMMARY OF AREA DATA

MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT Unadjusted MAY	(In Thousands)			% Change	
	Latest Month	Mo. Ago	Yr. Ago	Mo. Ago	Yr. Ago
United States	18359.0	18313.0	19178.0	0.3%	-4.3%
Wisconsin	545.4	542.1	557.1	0.6%	-2.1%
Appleton-Oshkosh (Calumet-Winnebago-Outagamie)	52.7	52.2	53.7	1.0%	-1.9%
Eau Claire (Eau Claire-Chippewa)	10.9	10.9	10.9	0.0%	0.0%
Green Bay (Brown County)	22.6	22.6	22.8	0.0%	-0.9%
Janesville-Beloit (Rock Co)	16.4	16.2	19.2	1.2%	-14.6%
Kenosha (County)	9.8	9.8	9.8	0.0%	0.0%
La Crosse (County)	10.5	10.6	10.6	-0.9%	-0.9%
Madison (Dane County)	26.2	26.1	25.4	0.4%	3.1%
Milwaukee (Milwaukee-Ozaukee-Washington-Waukesha)	170.3	170.0	174.8	0.2%	-2.6%
Racine (County)	25.6	25.0	26.6	2.4%	-3.8%
Sheboygan (County)	22.3	22.2	21.6	0.5%	3.2%
Wausau (Marathon County)	15.0	14.7	15.0	2.0%	0.0%

EARNINGS AND HOURS, MFG. Production Workers (Unadjusted) MAY	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings			
							Incl. Overtime		Excl. Overtime	
	Latest Month	Month Ago	Year Ago	Latest Month	Month Ago	Year Ago	Latest Month	Month Ago	Latest Month	Month Ago
United States	$449.35	$445.11	$441.72	40.3	40.1	40.9	$11.15	$11.10	.....	.....
Wisconsin	468.63	464.30	458.84	41.0	40.8	41.3	11.43	11.38	10.97	10.94
Appleton-Oshkosh (Calumet-Winnebago-Outagamie)	524.30	515.68	515.66	42.8	42.2	42.9	12.25	12.22	11.70	11.69
Eau Claire (Eau Claire-Chippewa)	561.84	561.38	506.60	45.2	45.2	44.4	12.43	12.42	11.86	11.91
Green Bay (Brown County)	530.88	515.83	496.47	42.1	41.7	40.2	12.61	12.37	12.01	11.76
Janesville-Beloit (Rock Co)	629.97	632.58	644.28	43.9	44.8	45.5	14.35	14.12	13.77	13.49
Kenosha (County)	455.07	466.10	484.79	38.5	39.3	41.4	11.82	11.86	11.50	11.47
La Crosse (County)	424.76	423.26	397.23	41.0	41.7	40.7	10.36	10.15	9.98	9.75
Madison (Dane County)	428.00	436.97	424.20	40.0	40.8	40.4	10.70	10.71	10.35	10.32
Milwaukee (Milwaukee-Ozaukee-Washington-Waukesha)	502.65	498.58	483.11	41.1	40.8	40.7	12.23	12.22	11.70	11.72
Racine (County)	481.93	453.17	457.70	39.6	39.1	39.8	12.17	11.59	11.73	11.19
Sheboygan (County)	461.62	455.22	479.16	40.6	40.5	43.6	11.37	11.24	10.89	10.73
Wausau (Marathon County)	469.98	469.26	466.05	42.0	42.2	42.1	11.19	11.12	10.75	10.70

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	MAY, 1991		MO. AGO		YR. AGO	
	WI.	U.S.	WI.	U.S.	WI.	U.S.
Total Employment (thous.)	2425.1	116,591	2415.9	117,398	2456.4	118,277
Total Unemployment (thous.)	140.3	8,640	146.9	8,274	110.0	6,662
Initial Claims	11,149	N.A.	12,099	475,000	8,255	353,000
Unemployment Rate (percent)	5.5%	6.9%	5.7%	6.6%	4.3%	5.3%

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Total Employment
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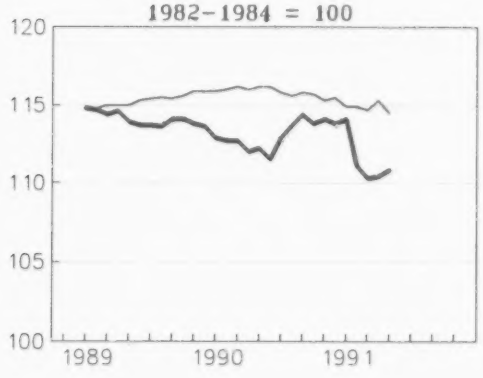

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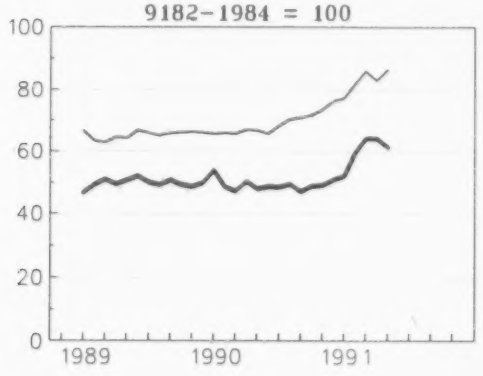

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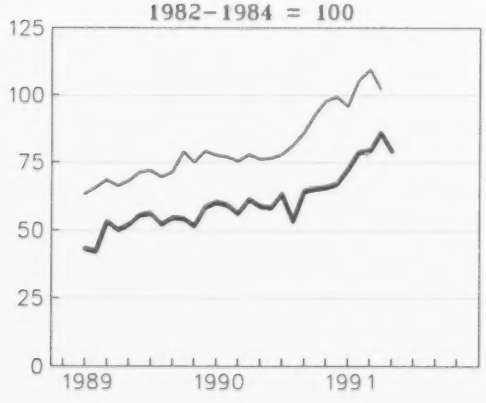

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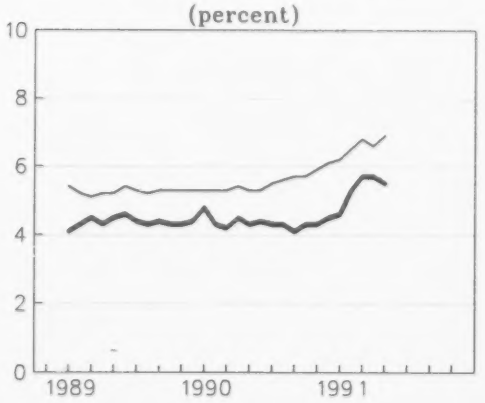

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	MAY, 1991		MO. AGO		YR. AGO	
	WI.	U.S.	WI.	U.S.	WI.	U.S.
Employment Rate (percent)	61.9	57.4	61.8	57.4	61.9	58.7
Manufacturing Empl. (thous.)	549.2	18,411	548.7	18,399	561.4	19,225
Avg. Workweek, Mfg. (hours)	41.3	40.4	41.0	40.3	41.6	40.9
Avg. Weekly Earnings, Mfg.	$470.04	$450.46	$467.10	$447.73	$460.06	$441.72

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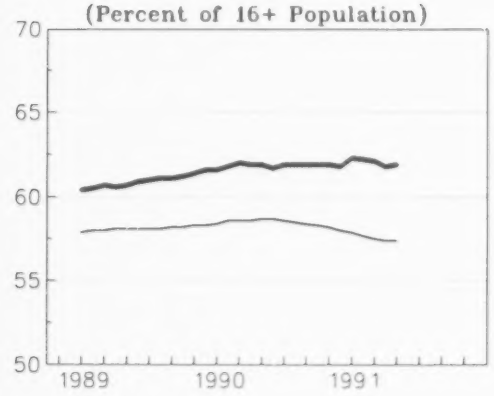
Employment Rate
(Percent of 16+ Population)



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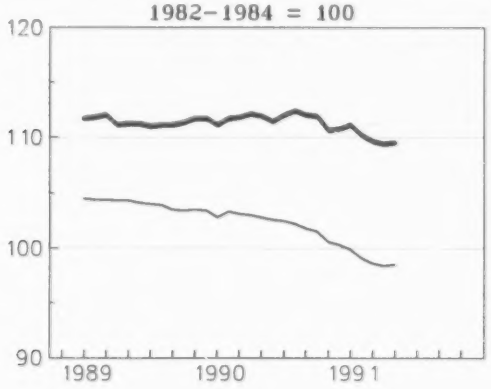

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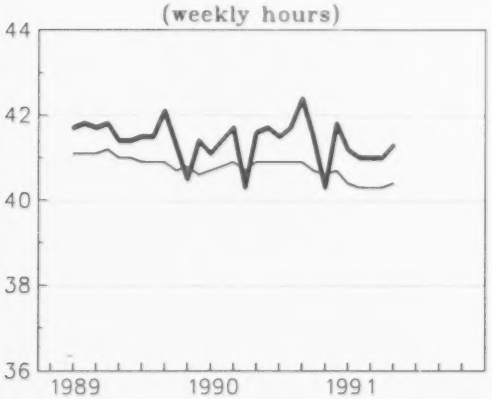

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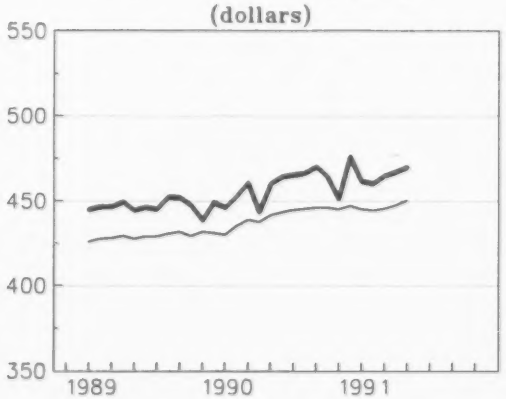

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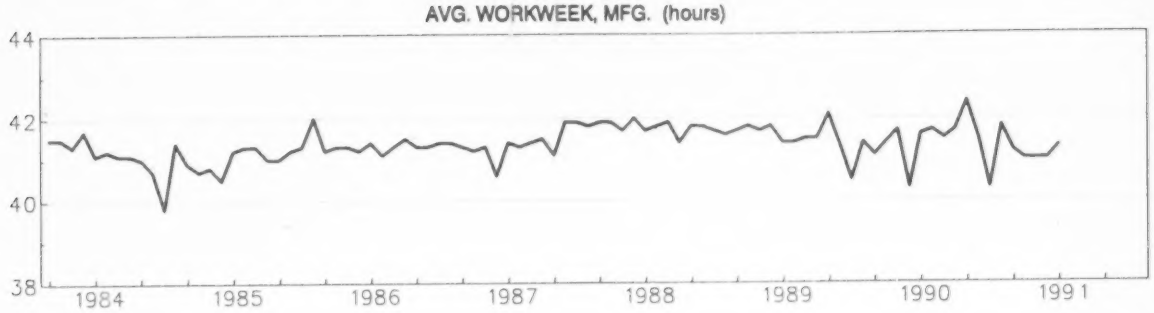

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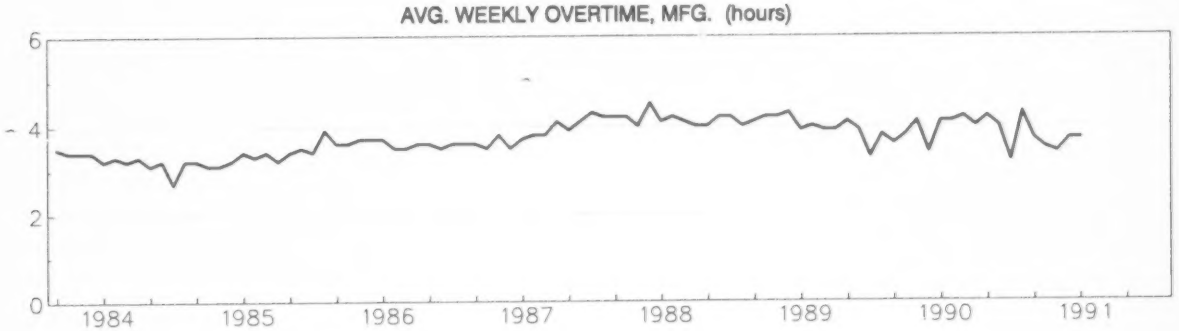

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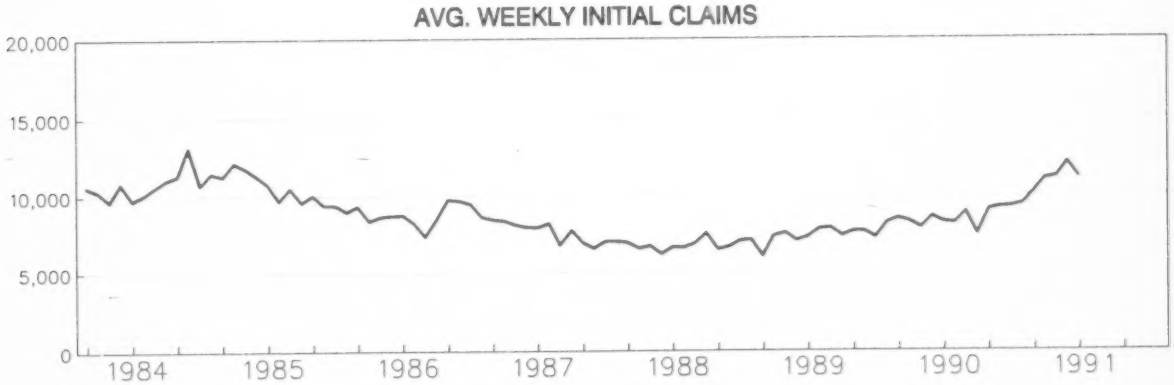

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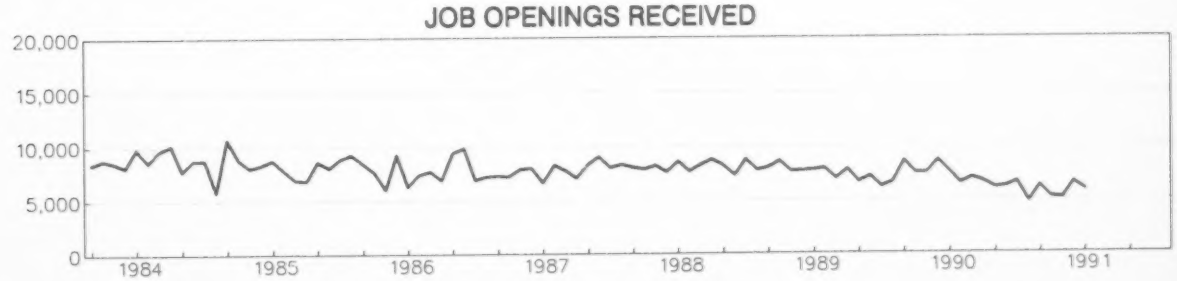

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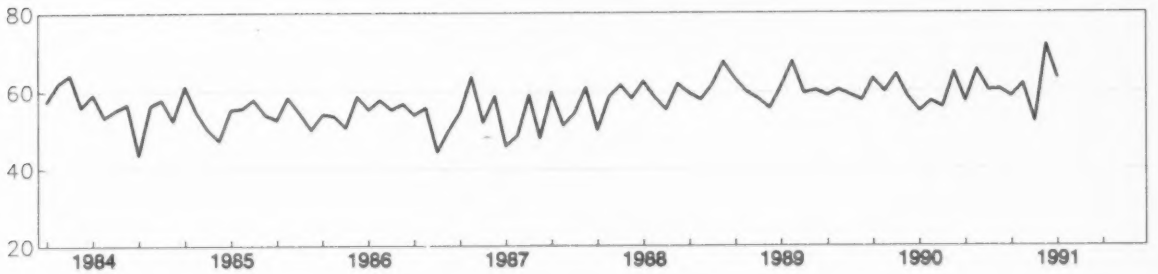

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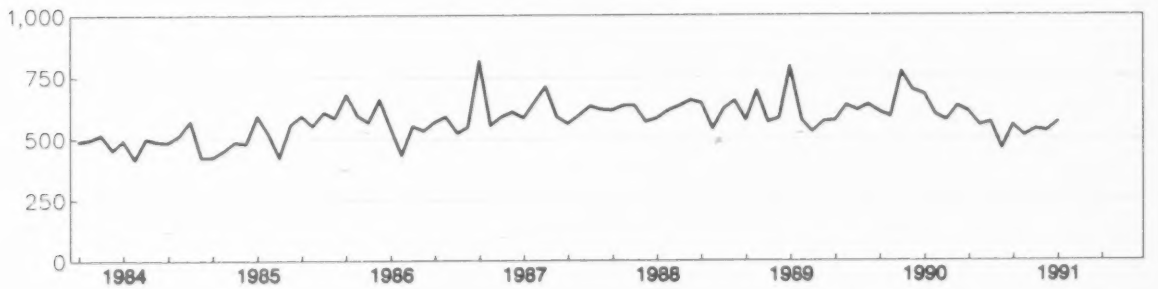

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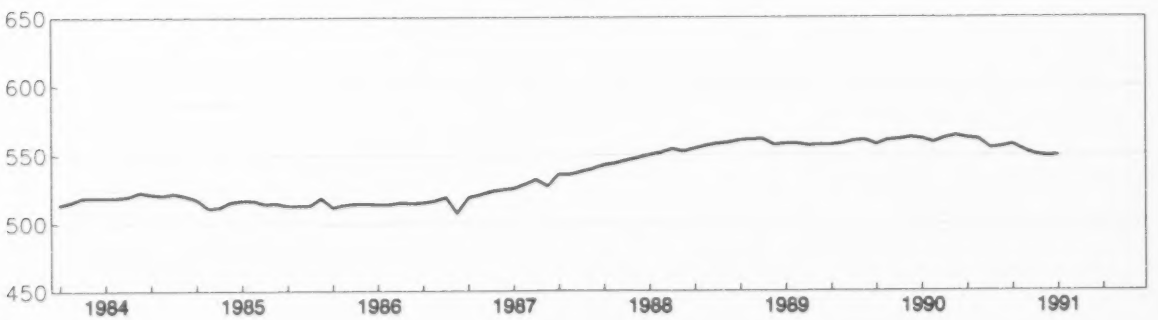

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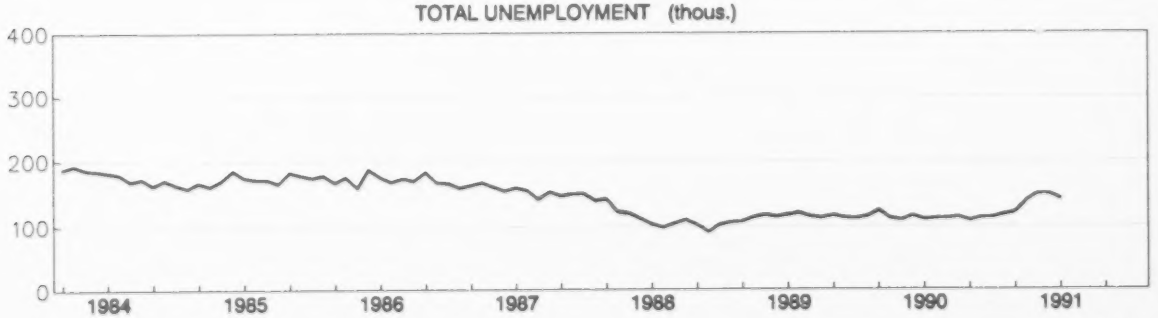

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